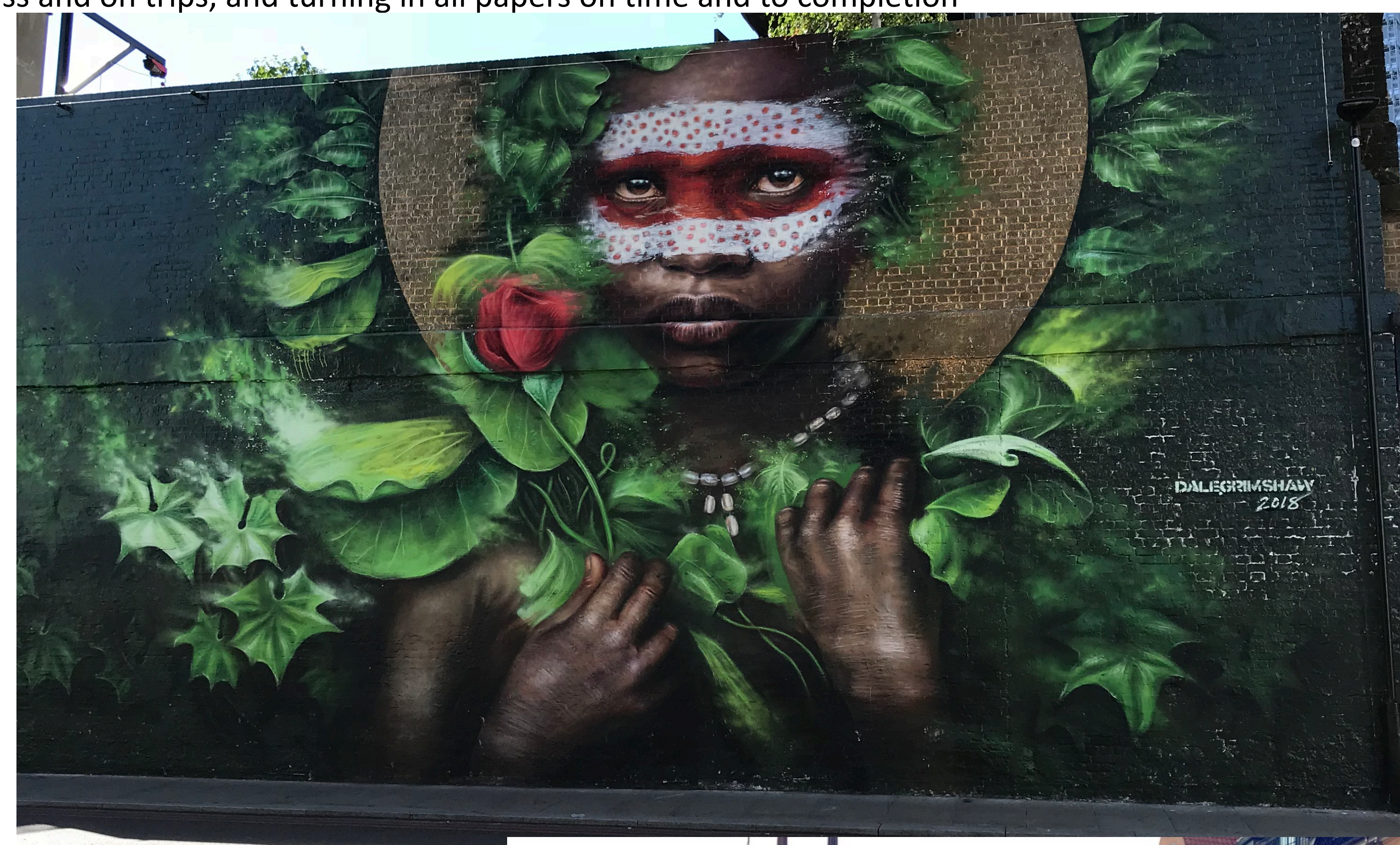
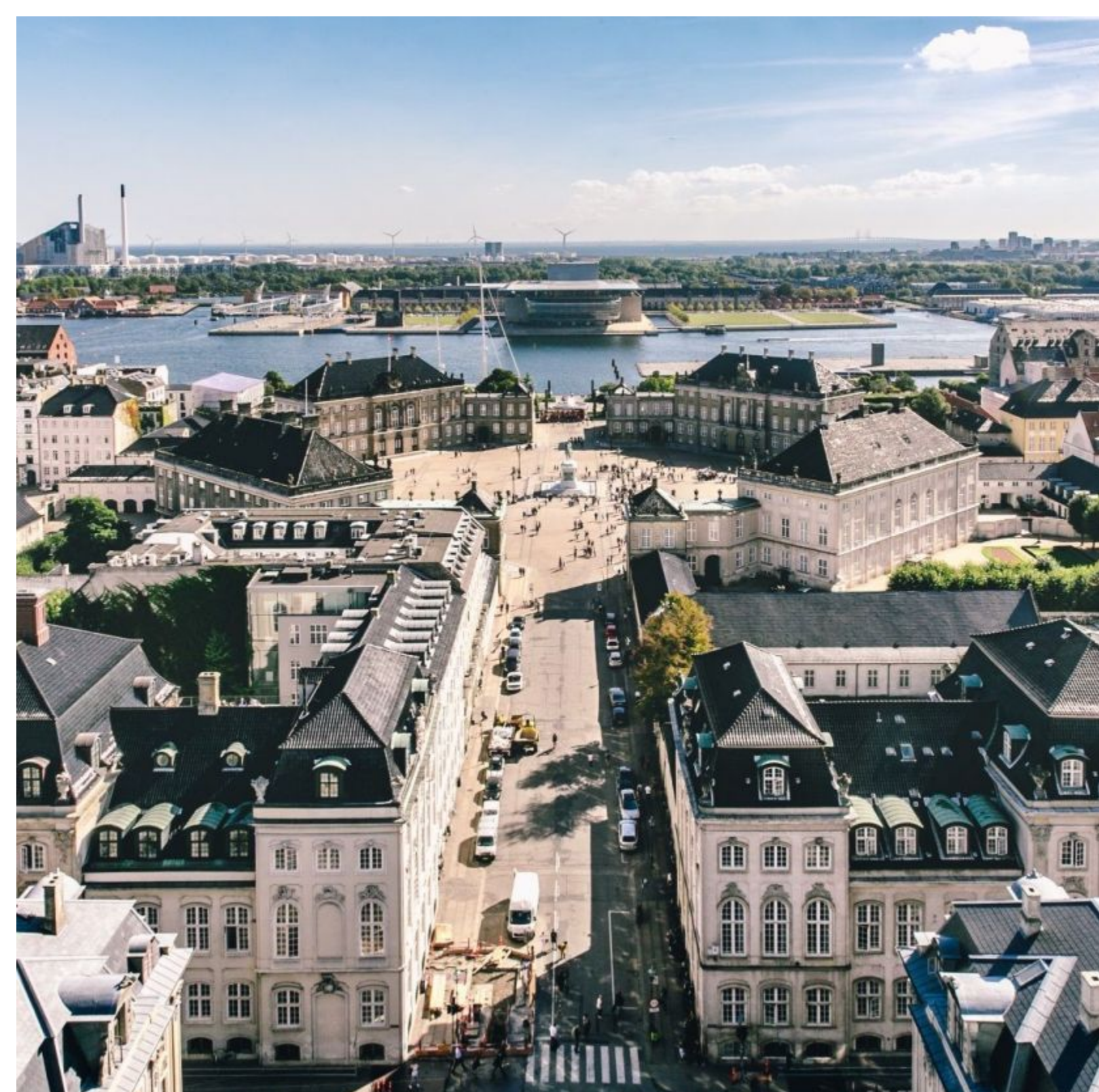


What did I learn?

- This education abroad program really challenged me both as a young adult and as a student in the field of International Relations and Diplomacy
- This class took more of a philosophical approach to the idea of terrorism and made me look at the issues and people involved from many different perspectives
- I was pushed by my teacher and classmates to look deeper into the issues that plague our world today to see why they are happening and in what capacity they are affecting the international community
- As a young adult, I was challenged with being alone in a new country
- I had to feed myself, navigate a new and foreign city on my own, show up to all of my classes and trips on time and with the right materials, and make sure that I was representing The Ohio State University in the best way possible



DIS Copenhagen: Studying Abroad Across the Atlantic

Project Description

- I participated in a three-week study abroad trip based in Copenhagen, Denmark
- I took a three-hour credited course called "Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism from a European Perspective"
- I was in class about 3-4 hours a day with supplemental field trips with my class to museums, businesses, and meetings
- We focused on two major terrorist attacks in Norway and the UK
- Took a two-day trip to Utøya, Norway- visited museums and stayed on the island where the 2011 attack occurred
- Took a three-day trip to London- traveled to local mosques, took bike tours, and met with corporations about the terrorist attack in 2005
- I had the responsibilities of arriving to class and trips on time, finishing my supplemental readings outside of class, participating fully in class and on trips, and turning in all papers on time and to completion

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How was this Transformational?

- This trip was honestly the most transformational and impactful thing I have done during my college career to date
 - Not only was I able to travel to three new destinations, but I was able to experience three completely different cultures and immerse myself in those ways of living
 - I was exposed to different perspectives and styles of teaching that was different than what I was used to back at OSU
 - I was encouraged to take new opportunities and try new things that challenged me as an individual
 - I was able to experience what it is like being an adult out in the world with the responsibility of forging your own path and taking on your own responsibilities alone
 - I made such amazing, lasting friendships with people all across the globe that I am still in contact with today
 - I was able to figure out my own values as an individual in the field of international studies and decide if the topic of terrorism was one that I wanted to focus on in my future career
- I was able to experience first-hand the impact that major terrorist attacks have had on communities around the world, and how those countries have responded to the attacks

Why did I choose this program?

- As an international studies major, I love traveling and learning about different cultures
- I have been to many countries already but not Denmark and wanted to be able to experience somewhere that I have no background knowledge
- I also chose to take the terrorism course because I felt that learning about such an important and serious topic in real-world situations with interactive elements (such as meetings, field trips, and country trips) would have more of an impact in my studies than taking this as a regular course back home



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